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1. COMPLETE BIO-DATA ON VASSILIOU SUBMITTED AUGUST 6, NICOSIA A-50, COPY AIRMAILED INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL SAME DAY. HEREWITH RECAP:

2. ANDROULLA VASSILIOU BORN PAPHOS, NOVEMBER 30, 1943. STUDIED LAW AT MIDDLE TEMPLE INN OF COURT, LONDON, CALLED TO THE BAR 1964. IN 1964-66 PURSUED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COURSE AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LONDON, RECEIVED DIPLOMA WITH HONORS. PRACTISING LAW IN CYPRUS SINCE 1968. MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN.

3. SINCE HER RETURN TO CYPRUS IN 1966 ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH UN CYPRUS ASSOCIATION AND UN ACTIVITIES IN AND OUT OF CYPRUS. SINCE HER ELECTION AS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN 1972, SHE HAS HELPED ORGAN-IZE SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY UN RELATED INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN CYPRUS AND ABROAD.

4. IN 1974, VASSILIOU LED CYPRUS DELEGATION TO REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN UN ASSOCIATIONS IN BUCHAREST AND IN 1975 PARTICI-PATED AS DELEGATE TO 25TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF WORLD FEDERATION OF UN ASSOCIATIONS IN MOSCOW, WHERE SHE WAS ELECTED ON MFUNA'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IN 1970, SHE PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL
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INVOLVED IN CYPRUS BRANCH INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AND WAS ITS ORGANIZING SECRETARY. IN 1975 WAS APPOINTED TO CYPRUS NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND SPOKE AT AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR HERE ON "LEGAL POSITION OF WOMEN IN CYPRUS".

5. VASSILIOU ALSO LEGAL ADVISER TO CHARTERED BANK OF CYPRUS. HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY PRIVATELY AND ON US CYPRUS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS IN EUROPE, PART OF ASIA AND AFRICA AND HAS VISITED USA WITH HUSBAND ECONOMIST DR GEORGE VASSILIOU. FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

6. IF TIME ALLOWS, WOULD APPRECIATE OBSERVANCE OF AMERICAN COURT SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN CULTURE. BALLET, THEATER AND MUSIC OF SPECIAL APPEAL TO HER. HER PRIME INTEREST IS IN AMERICAN WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS ACTIVITIES.
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